Inclusion of Tableaux in Republic Day Parade

284. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for including the tableaux of various States in Republic Day Parade;

(b) the years in which the tableaux of National Capital Region, Delhi were included in the Republic Day Parade during the last five years and the years in which it was not included;

(c) the reasons for non-inclusion thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to take any effective steps to ensure that the tableaux of Delhi is included in the Republic Day Parade; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e) For selection of Tableaux for Republic Day Parade, various proposals received from State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and other organisations are examined by an expert committee constituted for the purpose. Final decision is taken by the Committee purely on aesthetic and artistic considerations. During the last five years the tableau of National Capital Territory of Delhi was selected in 1996.

Leprosy Eradication Programme

285. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has formulated any time-bound programme to eradicate leprosy from the whole world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan formulated by the World Health Organisation to eradicate leprosy in India;

(d) the financial assistance likely to be provided to India for this purpose;

(e) the number of leprosy patients rehabilitated during the last two years; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide employment to the young leprosy patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. World Health Assembly has passed a resolution for achieving elimination of leprosy by 2000 AD as a public health problem. World Health Organisation has planned to give anti-leprosy drugs free of cost to all the countries of the world to meet their entire requirement. WHO gives technical guidance and support to the programme for training, equipments and logistics. WHO has made a provision of US $ 82500 for the year 1996 and US $ 73000 for the year 1997 for India. During 1995-96 drugs worth US $ 5.6 million and during 1996-97 worth US $ 6 million have been supplied by WHO to India. WHO has offered to support Leprosy Elimination Campaign Project in Endemic areas in our country where programme is slow.

(e) and (f) The information is being collected from Ministry of Welfare.

Primary Health Centres

286. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres functioning in Uttar Pradesh during 1996-97;

(b) the number of proposals submitted by the State Government to the Union Government for setting up of new Primary Health Centres during 1996 and the number of proposals approved;

(c) whether any proposals in respect of Sambhal Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh are also under consideration of the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per information available as on 31.3.96 there are 3761 Primary Health Centres functioning in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) A proposal for strengthening of Primary Health Services under Basic Minimum Services has been received from the State and was sent to Planning Commission with the requested financial assistance of Rs. 47.5 crores. The entire amount is being released by Department of Finance to Government of Uttar Pradesh on the formula based on additional Central Assistance for Basic Minimum Services with the clear directions that amount will be adjusted at the time of Annual Plan.

(c) No such proposal has been received by Department of Family Welfare.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Bypass on G.T. Road, Allahabad

287. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Allahabad Airport is situated on the G.T. Road due to which the road remains busy and blocked due to frequent VIP movement;